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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
 - i. 37 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 3 pages of claims (12 claims);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
2. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17) (*in duplicate*);
3. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
4. A copy of the executed Declaration filed in Appl. No. 09/726,427;
5. Preliminary Amendment;
6. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (*in duplicate*);
7. Application Data Sheet;
8. Our check No. **32364** for **\$355.00** to cover the filing fee (small entity); and
9. Two (2) return postcards.

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Respectfully submitted,

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

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| Application Number | To be assigned |
| Filing Date | Herewith |
| First Named Inventor | Steeg et al. |
| Examiner Name | To be assigned. |
| Group Art Unit | To be assigned |
| Attorney Docket No. | 1669.0070002/MQL/AJK |

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

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 Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17

☐ Applicant claims small entity status
 See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed

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FEE CALCULATION

I. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
| 101 | 710 | 201 | 355 | Utility filing fee | 355.00 |
| 106 | 320 | 206 | 160 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 490 | 207 | 245 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 710 | 208 | 355 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 | 150 | 214 | 75 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) | | | | | 355.00 |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---|----------|
| Total Claims _____ - 20** = _____ X _____ = _____ | | | | | |
| Indep. Claims _____ - 3** = _____ X _____ = _____ | | | | | |
| Multiple Dependent _____ = _____ | | | | | |
| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 102 | 80 | 202 | 40 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 104 | 270 | 204 | 135 | Multiple dependent claim | |
| 108 | 80 | 209 | 40 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
| SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) | | | | | 0.00 |

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee paid |
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| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 390 | 216 | 195 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 890 | 217 | 445 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,390 | 218 | 695 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,890 | 228 | 945 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 310 | 219 | 155 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 310 | 220 | 155 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 270 | 221 | 135 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,240 | 241 | 620 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,240 | 242 | 620 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 440 | 243 | 220 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 600 | 244 | 300 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 130 | 123 | 130 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 | 40 | 481 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 | 710 | 246 | 355 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 710 | 249 | 355 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 | 710 | 279 | 355 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

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